

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-17 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 18-34 are new.

Upon entry of the amendments, claims 18-24 will be active.

New claims 18-34 are supported by original claims 1-17.

No new matter has been added.

REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

The specification amendments were made to incorporate cross-reference to the related international application and to specify priority information. The claim amendments were made for purpose of clarification and format, and to remove multiple claim dependency.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 12810-00341-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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